

From Town Report
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Report of Library Building Committee.

To the Citizens of the Town of Weyland:—

The Library Building Committee respectfully submits the following report:—

On October 28, 1898, in pursuance of a vote of the town passed October 8, 1898, the gentlemen mentioned therein met and organized as "The Library Building Committee." Willard A. Bullard was chosen chairman, and Charles F. Richardson, clerk.

To familiarize your committee with the needs of a modern library, both as to construction, and as to administration, some of the best small libraries in this section of the state have been visited and carefully examined. Your committee found, however that as its investigations proceeded, questions arose that could not be properly solved without professional assistance of an architect; therefore it secured the services of Prof. F. W. Chandler, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as a disinterested adviser, and who is of the highest standing in his profession.

From the first, your committee has regretted that the will of Mr. Roby restricts them in their choice of a library site. The building, which, in itself, is hoped to be an architectural feature of the town, must of necessity be built upon a side hill and low, marshy land. A change in location seemed so desirable, that opinions of different lawyers and judges were taken, as to whether the terms of the will would permit such a change, but these opinions caused so much doubt in the minds of the committee that the idea of relocation was abandoned.

Your committee, with the assistance of Prof. Chandler, has invited competent architects to enter a competition for plans for the library building, and hopes to render a decision speedily. The work on the building will be begun as soon as the season will permit.

Respectfully submitted,

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EDWIN W. MARSTON,
ALFRED W. CUTTING,
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Library Building Committee.

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To the Citizens of the Town of Wayland :

Your committee has completed the Wayland Public Library building, and turned it over to the town.

The disposition of the fund of \$28,000, with its accumulation of interest with which the library was built, appears from the account below :

Fund,	\$28,000 00
Interest,	866 43
Prof. Chandler, professional advice to committee	\$150 00
Architects, fees	1,254 66
Fales & Co., contractors	25,689 43
Soundings for foundation	48 10
Water pipe and laying	60 53
P. P. Caproni, plaster casts, "Dancing boys"	115 00
J. Evans & Co., cutting inscriptions	35 00
Mats and matting	48 51
Granolithic walks	119 32
Furniture	515 75
W. B. Whittier & Co., shrubs and plants	57 38
Gas plant	170 00
Insurance	100 00
Hardware	121 25
Gas and electric fixtures	245 75
Windows and door screens	68 00
Stationery, telegrams, etc.	\$11 00
A. A. Applebee, coloring mortar	56 75

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Respectfully submitted,

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